Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An electric discharge lamp comprising:
- a light-transmissive ceramic lamp vessel (1);
- a first and a second current conductor (2,3) entering the lamp vessel (1), and each supporting an electrode (4,5) in the lamp vessel (1);
- an ionizable filling comprising a rare gas and a metal halide in the lamp vessel (1);

at least the first current conductor (2) within the lamp vessel (1) being halide-resistant, characterized in that the first current conductor (2) at least substantially comprises a material with an at least substantially isotropic coefficient of thermal expansion.

2. (Original) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein said material is chosen from the group of $Mo_5(Si,X)_3$, wherein X is B, Al, N or C.

3. (Original) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 2, wherein said material is pentamolybdenum diboride silicide.

4. (Previously presented) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein also the second current conductor (3) at least substantially comprises a material with an at least substantially isotropic coefficient of thermal expansion.

5. (Original) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 4, wherein said material is chosen from the group of $Mo_5(Si,X)_3$, wherein X is B, Al, N or C preferably is pentamolybdenum diboride silicide.

6. (Previously presented) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein said material is co-sintered to the ceramic material of the lamp vessel (1) at a manufacturing temperature of the lamp.

7. (Previously presented) An electric discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein the first and the second current conductor (2,3) each extend from a sealing compound (6) sealing the lamp vessel (1) around the current conductors (2,3) in a gastight manner to the exterior of the lamp vessel (1), and wherein the lamp vessel (1) has extended plugs (11,12) in which a respective current conductor (2,3) is enclosed, which plugs (11,12) have a free end (111,112) where the lamp vessel (1) is sealed by the sealing compound (6).